

**Camden Historic Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting
September 13, 2011**

Present: Kit Parker, Chair; Members Mark DeMichele, Elinor Klivans, Beedy Parker; Alternates Abby Fitzgerald, Susan Snead; Garden Club Liaison Judy McGuirk; Volunteer Ann Sziklas

The meeting was called to order at 4:00

The minutes of the August meeting were approved with no additions or corrections.

Chair's Report:

Maine Preservation will hold its Annual Meeting Sept. 17 at its new headquarters in Yarmouth.

Committee Reports:

Village Green

There was a good turnout for a work day on the Village Green August 31. There will be a final cleanup October 1. There has been less damage from the Cedar Apple Rust problem than expected.

Archives

The Archives Comm. has not met over the summer.

Mark reported that he had spoken with Heather at the History Center about the Diorama. It is now located in the History Center at the library where it has been accessible to school children and is being used as an educational tool. It will not go back upstairs to the Reading Room. The best location for the Diorama was discussed and it was suggested it should have more publicity.

Harbor Park and Amphitheatre

Elinor has e-mailed Dave Jackson's monthly report. The National Historic Landmark designation remains in process. Dave recently conducted a tour of the Amphitheatre and Harbor Park for the Maine Arts Commission.

Old Business:

QR Code Update

Dan Bookham reports that a website will be ready for review in 10 days.

Ann Morris has written up descriptions for 6 locations - the Village Green, the Opera House, the Public Landing, the Amphitheatre, Harbor Park and the Camden Public Library.

Kit has suggested 4 additional sites.

Susan will write a description of the Great Fire District. Judy will write about the Garden Club/lamp post baskets/tours. Kit will ask Barbara Dyer to write about the schooners/lime/ice/granite/tourists. Rosalee will be asked to write about the Post Office. The mill sites were also suggested.

The write-ups should consist of 3-4 paragraphs and should be e-mailed to Kit before the October meeting.

Historic Preservation Ordinance Public Hearing

The Select Board voted down the proposed ordinance. There was general consensus that the exposure from the efforts to pass the ordinance could be of benefit. It was suggested that downtown merchants and property owners be invited to one of our meetings to share ideas for preserving Camden's historic properties.

New Business:

Curtis Island Painting

The Committee was sent a copy of An Historic Preservation Review Sheet for painting the Curtis Island Light Station sent from Roberta Smith to Earle Shettleworth at the Maine Historic Preservation Commission August 26. Earle Shettleworth responded with several concerns and a request for more information. The CHRC wonders where the matter stands. Mark will ask Roberta about this.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Snead

